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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 1328

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP BC (PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE KHAMA)
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF PRESIDENT KHAMA TO U.S.

REF: GABORONE 1294 AND PREVIOUS

1. IN DISCUSSING SCHEDULE AND POSSIBLE DEBRIEFING ON
NKOMO VISIT MAY 8-9 WITH MINEXTAFF PERMSEC MPOTOKWANE, HE
ASKED WHETHER WE HAD INFORMATION GOB REQUEST FOR
APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. I NOTED WE HAD NOTHING
NEW AND SUGGESTED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S TOUR IN NORTH-
WESTERN U.S. MIGHT HELP ACCOUNT FOR LACK OF REPLY SINCE
MPOTOKWANE'S PREVIOUS INQUIRY (REFTEL).

2. WITH THE AIM OF BUYING TIME, I ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS
STILL FLEXIBILITY IN PRESIDENT KHAMA'S SCHEDULE: WAS IT
ESSENTIAL THAT MEETING TAKE PLACE WEEK OF JUNE 5 PRIOR TO
AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREE JUNE 8? MPOTOKWANE SAID THAT
THE EARLIER WAS THE PREFERRED TIME BUT VOLUNTEERED TO
ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE TIME AFTER JUNE 8 WOULD BE SUITABLE.

3. MPOTOKWANE TELEPHONED AT 8:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME,
MAY 8, TO SAY THAT A MEETING AFTER JUNE 8 WOULD BE
AGREEABLE. IN THIS EVENT IT WOULD BE PREFERRED, BUT
NOT ESSENTIAL, TO AVOID THE WEEKEND.

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4. COMMENT: WE CAN AFFIRM WITHOUT HESITATION THAT
PRESIDENT CARTER WILL NOT HAVE A MORE FRIENDLY OR
SUPPORTIVE VISITOR ON AFRICAN MATTERS AND NO VISITOR
BETTER QUALIFIED TO REFLECT ON THE THREE CRISIS
AREAS WHICH BORDER HIS COUNTRY: RHODESIA, NAMIBIA
AND SOUTH AFRICA.

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